

- (b) the quantity of available wheat procured by Government;
- (c) the scheme for the supply of the rest of the wheat;
- (d) whether it is a fact that any scheme of purchasing wheat for public distribution through open market at market price, is under consideration, alongwith the details thereof; and
- (e) whether it is also a fact that by increasing the sale price of wheat, less quantity of wheat would be provided to BPL families which would be quite inadequate for them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) Under Targeted Public Distribution (TPDS), Government makes allocations of foodgrains for 6.52 crore BPL households @ 35 kg. per family per month. This number of BPL families (including Antyodaya Anna Yojana Families) is based on 1993-94 poverty estimates of Planning Commission and March, 2000 estimates of population made by the Registrar General of India. Since the foodgrains allocated under TPDS consist of rice, wheat and coarsegrains, the estimated annual requirement of wheat at current levels of allocation for BPL households (including AAY families) is about 85 lakh tons. State-wise details are enclosed as Statement (*See* below).

The Government also makes allocations of foodgrains under the TPDS for APL households depending upon their quantity available in the Central Pool. At the existing level of allocations for the APL category, the requirement is of about 45 lakh tons. In addition, about 10 lakh tons of wheat are also required for different welfare schemes. If the requirement for natural calamity relief etc. is taken into account, the total estimated annual requirement of wheat is about 150 lakh tons.

- (b) A quantity of 111.28 lakh tons of wheat was procured in RMS 2007-08.
- (c) The requirement of wheat under TPDS, welfare scheme and calamity relief etc. is being met with the help of domestic procurement of 111 lakh tons of wheat and import of wheat.
- (d) and (e) No, Sir.

*Statement Annual requirement of
Wheat for BPL (Including Aay)*

		<i>(In Thousand Tons)</i>
Sl.N	State/UT	Quantity 2
c 1	3 Arunachal Pradesh	3.072
2.	Bihar	855.744
3.	Chhattisgarh	3132
4.	Delhi	120.576
5.	Gujarat	441
6.	Haryana	261.912
7.	Himachal Pradesh	83.04
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	71.316